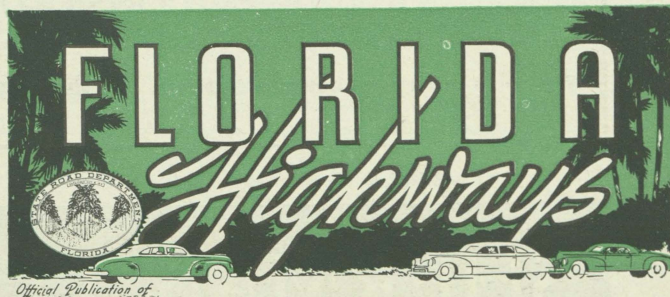


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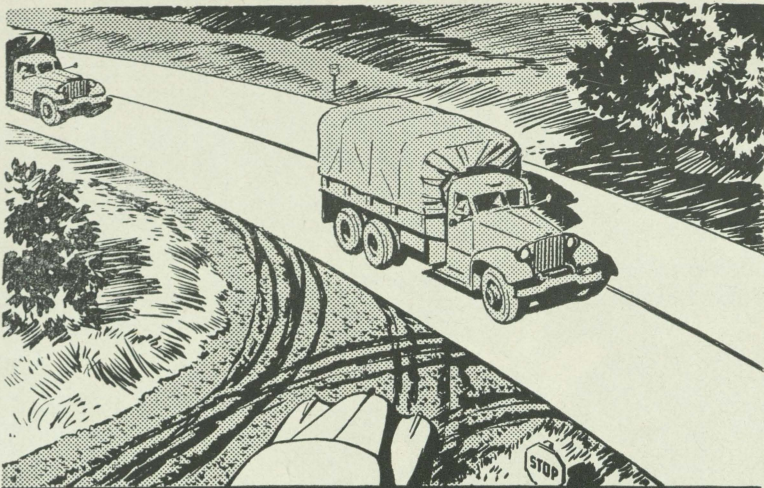


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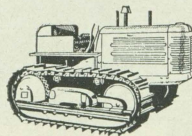
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Transactions of Meeting of Florida State Road Department

HELD IN JACKSONVILLE AUGUST 24

A regular meeting of the State Road Department of Florida was held in Jacksonville, August 24, 1942, with the following members and officials in attendance:

Thos. A. Johnson, Chairman; Jack F. Townsend, James R. Stockton, O. G. Lindsey, C. Fred Ward, Members; H. H. Bas-kin, Secretary; Louie A. Fraleigh, Jr., Assistant Secretary; J. H. Dowling, State Highway Engineer; L. K. Cannon, E. C. DeGarmo, Asst. Highway Engineers; W. A. Kratzert, Maintenance Engineer; E. S. Fraser, Bridge Engineer; J. W. Allen, J. R. Slade, H. H. McCallum, N. S. Emery, W. D. LeVeille, Division Engineers; Thos. A. Shackleford, Attorney; R. W. Ervin, Jr., Assistant Attorney; R. J. Waterston, Auditor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the minutes of the meeting held on July 27 at Tallahassee were approved.

MEMBERS' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following expense accounts of Members were approved and ordered paid:

James R. Stockton.....	\$30.05
James R. Stockton.....	56.63
O. G. Lindsey.....	21.55
O. G. Lindsey.....	7.25
C. Fred Ward.....	63.25
C. Fred Ward.....	6.89

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AWARDED

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due advertisement, the Department did on certain dates as hereinafter indicated receive bids for the construction of certain projects and for the furnishing of certain materials, as hereinafter listed; and

WHEREAS, the firms hereinafter named were and are hereby declared to be the lowest responsible bidders therefor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the action of the Chairman in awarding the contracts hereinafter listed be and the same is hereby approved, which said contracts are as follows:

Project	Road	County	Contractor	Amount
Bids received July 16				
DA-WR 2-A(1) DA-NR 6(1)				
DA-NR 7(1)	341	Escambia & Santa Rosa.....	Noonan Construction Co.....	\$ 59,545.60

Construction

Materials

Project or Road or Work Order FOB point	County	Material	Contractor	Amount
Bids received July 14				
0652—Ponce de Leon	Holmes	Cover Mat'l No. 12.....	Birmingham Slag Co.....	\$3,287.58
		Semi-solid Asph.....	Mexican Petrol. Corp.....	1,209.00
0353—Chipley	Jackson	Semi-solid Asph.....	Mexican Petrol. Corp.....	41.18
Cottondale		Cover Mat'l No. 12.....	Birmingham Slag Co.....	126.28
0452—Caryville	Holmes	Cover Mat'l No. 12.....	Woodstock Slag. Corp.....	125.60
		Semi-solid Asph.....	Mexican Petrol. Corp.....	46.80
0352—Ponce de Leon	Holmes	Semi-solid Asph.....	Mexican Petrol. Corp.....	624.00
		Cover Mat'l No. 12.....	Woodstock Slag Corp.....	1,714.44
Westville		Semi-solid Asph.....	Mexican Petrol. Corp.....	585.00
		Cover Mat'l No. 12.....	Woodstock Slag Corp.....	1,570.00
1252—Caryville	Holmes	Semi-solid Asph.....	Mexican Petrol. Corp.....	97.50
		Cover Mat'l No. 11.....	Woodstock Slag Corp.....	172.70
0161—Caryville	Washington	Semi-solid Asph.....	Mexican Petrol. Corp.....	97.51
		Cover Mat'l No. 11.....	Birmingham Slag Co.....	166.42
Bids received July 16				
Proj. 5579 Rd. 12	Liberty	Untr. Str. Timber.....	Joe Lindsey.....	3,453.44
		Untr. Tmbr. Piling.....	Joe Lindsey.....	1,462.50
Bids received July 22				
5703	Collier	Tar Prime TC-1.....	Reilly Tar & Chem.....	2,977.92
0103	Collier	Tar Prime TC-1.....	Reilly Tar & Chem.....	1,088.00

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by

Mr. Townsend, supplemental agreements

on the following projects were approved:

Project & Road	County	Contractor	Amount Changed
5200(4)—164	Collier	John E. Ballenger Constr. Co.....	\$ 225.00 Decrease
DA-WR-3(1)—4-A	Monroe	Cleary Bros. Constr. Co.....	1,348.00 Decrease
5110—85	Martin	John E. Ballenger Constr. Co.....	487.50 Decrease
SN-FA-3-D(1)—1	Jackson	C. C. Moore Constr. Co.....	262.50 Decrease
5209(2)—8	Polk	John E. Ballenger Constr. Co.....	120.00 Increase
5158(2)—79	Polk	Marion Contracting Co.....	368.00 Increase

FEDERAL AID VOUCHERS

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that A. L. West,

Federal Aid Engineer, be and he is hereby authorized to execute and sign on behalf of this Department all vouchers in connection with Federal Aid work and to handle the same for the Department with

the U. S. Public Roads Administration.

REQUEST FROM CITY OF BUSHNELL

The Secretary presented a request from the City Council of the City of Bushnell, (Continued on page 13)

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EDITORIALS

What About After 1944?

*It's Important Florida Gets Right Man
To Carry On Gov. Holland's Fine Work.*

(Editorial in St. Petersburg Times August 23, 1942)

UNDER Gov. Spessard Holland's administration, Florida has attained its highest standards of State government.

Public affairs have been placed on a businesslike basis.

There has been a wholesome and refreshing new emphasis on honest, economical operation of all departments.

Steps have been taken to eliminate assessment and tax inequalities.

People of the State generally have full reason to feel that the man in the executive mansion at Tallahassee—honorable, dependable and sincere—is doing an excellent job.

Florida is particularly fortunate to have such an administration during the critical war period when innumerable new problems have been created by the emergency.

The *Times* has utmost confidence that so long as Governor Holland remains in office, there will be no lowering of the high standards he has set for his administration.

But we feel it is just as essential that these same standards be continued through the equally critical years which may reasonably be expected to follow completion of Governor Holland's term in 1945.

Florida's governors may not, under law, succeed themselves in office.

It does not seem too early for Florida to begin thinking about the type of man who will take Spessard Holland's place when he steps out.

We visualize him as much the same kind of man—brilliant, honest, a student of government, committed to carrying on the broad principles of this administration and improving them where possible.

We broach the matter now because there are indications that at least some men who totally lack Governor Holland's fine qualifications, who would be entirely unfitted to carry on his plans and policies, already are looking forward hopefully to 1944.

The matter of who is to be Florida's next governor is important enough to receive, even this early, the serious consideration and study of the people of the State.

And we believe the chances of getting the right man—which means the most able, honest and sincere man—depend largely on how intelligent and conscientious an effort is made (1) to find him; (2) to induce him to run, and (3) to elect him.

For unless the men and women who are unselfishly interested in the State's future assert themselves, the professional politicians can be counted upon, as usual, to try to control the situation.

We have had enough experience with their type of candidates to want no more of them.

We believe there are men and women, informed on

the State's needs and conscious of the problems certain to arise in its immediate future, who could be entrusted with the responsibility of analyzing the situation and making recommendations to the public as to the ability and availability of every political candidate for governor in 1944.

Such individuals—from Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, Bradenton, Orlando, Jacksonville, Ocala, Palm Beach, Miami, Fort Myers, Daytona and elsewhere—could perform a valuable public service in this respect if they could be induced to undertake such a survey.

And the Spring of 1943 would be an appropriate time, it seems to us, for the task to be started.

The major problem in such a plan, of course, would be to keep it out of the hands of professional office-seekers. They most certainly would do their best to use it for their own selfish purposes if they were given an opportunity to do so.

The second problem would be to appraise each individual possibility fairly and without bias. How well this might be done would depend largely on how effectively the organizational steps succeeded in keeping the perpetual-public-payrollers out.

If the plan could achieve its purpose of finding and placing in the field the most able man Florida can present, it would be performing a service of inestimable value to the State.

True, it might take a lot of working out. But we have a lot at stake—more than enough to justify the effort.

And the purpose, of course, would not be to put a hand-picked candidate into the race who would be representing any group or sectional interests.

Instead, it would be to examine and analyze the material Florida has available, and then to say to the voters of the State:

"We have painstakingly, openmindedly and impartially examined the qualifications of every individual whose name was presented to us. We have honestly and conscientiously sought to evaluate them on the basis of ability and integrity.

"With these considerations—and these considerations only—in mind, our recommendations to you is———. Yours is the final choice!"

Such a man, given that endorsement and the wholehearted support he merits, would be unbeatable.

But we can get him only if public apathy is cast aside and an intelligent, persevering effort is made to defeat the politicians at their own game.

Uncle Sam is going into the truck and bus business along about November 15. You are going to have to present some sort of government certificate to get any gas, oil, rubber and a lot of other things before you can buy them. This is the phoney war that wasn't any of our business, anyway! Do you remember those halcyon days when we warned the American people to get down to earth and prepare for a world-wide tornado? Were we right, or were we wrong?—*Lake Wales Highlander.*



Crowds visit the Florida State Exhibit on Atlantic City's famed boardwalk. Note position of the exhibit at most prominent corner of the great steel pier, passed by thousands of Summer visitors daily.



Hundreds of persons hourly visit Florida's exhibits wherever they are held—Chicago, New York, Atlantic City or elsewhere. This scene showing a corner of the Florida show was taken this Summer in Atlantic City.

Florida, America's Furlough Land . .

"**F**LORIDA, *America's Furlough Land*," should be the slogan of every Floridian," recently declared Earl W. Brown, manager of Florida National Exhibits. "Floridians should preach and boost Florida as America's Number One Furlough State in order that they may have the revenue necessary to meet the war demands of our government.

"In order, too, that the individual fitness of each American, regarded as the 'First Line of Defense,' may be maintained at a high standard and in order that American families in congested areas may learn of the health, the joy and the economy of living in this land of Sunshine and thus assist the government in its plan of population decentralization," added the Florida Exhibits manager.

It is natural that Earl Brown should at once see the importance of Florida in this National emergency because in the past ten years he has analyzed and presented Florida's tourist attractions and her agricultural and industrial opportunities to cover fifty million persons.

Through the Century of Progress in Chicago (1933-1934), Radio City (1935), the Great Lakes Exposition in Cleveland (1936-1937), the New York World's Fair (1939-1940), Atlantic City (1941-1942) and many conventions, and National and State events Florida has become recognized as the country's premier exhibitor by such authorities as President Roosevelt, Grover Whalen, President of the New York

World's Fair, and the late Rufus Dawes, president of the Chicago Century of Progress.

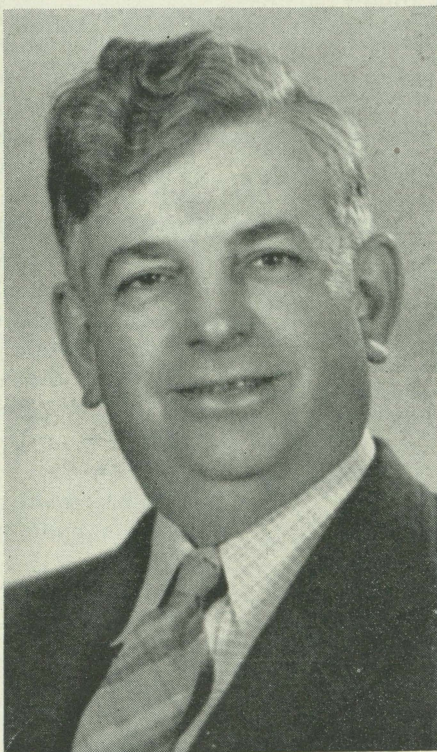
It is no coincidence that during this period passenger transportation to Florida increased 76 percent; race track returns to counties increased 244½ percent, construction 661 percent, tourist expenditures 105 percent,

gas tax refunds to counties 86 percent, sale of industrial products 170 percent and value of citrus production, 106 percent.

The objectives of these State exhibits—(1) to increase tourist patronage Summer and Winter, (2) to increase consumer demand for Florida products, (3) to attract more capital, industry and payrolls—have not changed with the war, though a fourth objective has been added—(4) to increase National defense facilities for Florida.

"Now vacations are out," says Manager Brown, "but furloughs are essential to victory both for men in the service, for our business executives and our government officials. War work is strenuous. Relaxation is a physical need. Florida being in close proximity to the population center and the Nation's capitol, occupies the most strategic position in this essential because of transportation, climatic conditions and luxurious but economical facilities. America's Winter Vacation Land should be kept before the Nation now as America's Greatest Furlough Land."

When a person enters a Florida Exhibit he is transplanted for the



Here's Earl W. Brown, manager of Florida National Exhibits, who can be held chiefly responsible for hundreds of thousands of people throughout the country knowing about and being interested in Florida.



Abbott and Costello, screen and radio comedians, enjoy a drink of Florida orange juice at the Florida Citrus Juice Bar in the Florida Exhibits at Atlantic City. That's orange sherbet in the Bad Boy's other hand.

time being into Florida. He sees the State as he could never see it through the printed word or over the radio, although in the past ten years the Florida exhibits have given rise to 3,300,000 column inches of news material on Florida, 29 news-reels and \$2,150,000 of free radio time.

In the Florida Exhibit the visitor walks beneath moss-hung oaks, among orange trees hung with ripe fruit and looks upon vistas of Florida. All around him is movement and animation. Dioramas, spectoramas and rotoramas depict scenes in Florida. Boats speed over the water, planes hurtle through the air, automobiles dash down the highways as they used to do in the good old days. Such oddities as live parrots and macaws who say, "Come to Florida," Henry, the pole vaulting black bass of Wakulla Springs, the catfish parade and a mechanical mocking bird, whose song makes everyone think him alive entertain the crowds.

Florida Exhibit spectoramas have become nationally known as the best in the country. Not only are they third dimensional with figures in the foreground life size and those in the rear as small as a quarter of an inch but they have several perspectives, a triumph in dioramic art. The spectorama of Florida citrus country at the World's Fair was the largest of its kind ever constructed.

At the entrance to the Atlantic

City exhibit a spectorama of the Suwannee River gives the atmosphere of the Old South with its traditional Southern hospitality. The scene is along the river made famous by Stephen Collins Foster, shows the cotton and tobacco fields where a lazy negro sleeps, waking only now and then when a fish he has hooked pulls at his line. To add to the realism Whistling Willie Williams from the Sanford celery fields sits from time to time on the river bank whistling old time Southern airs and bird calls.

Dioramas, miniature presentations in the third dimension depict such varied phases of Florida life as tarpon fishing, a scene at Palm Beach, turpentine in the high pine land, the Singing Tower at Lake Wales, the State University at Gainesville, phosphate mining, the Overseas Highway and a hunting scene in the wooded uplands of central Florida.

In the rotorama the scenes revolve at different speeds on a series of turntables. The sky and far distance turn at a slow speed, the middle distance faster and the foreground, which carries a streamline train at highest speed. Watching this changing landscape through one of a series of windows the spectator has the illusion of being on a streamliner himself bound for Florida.

Tropical gardens bloom wherever the exhibits are held. At the New York World's Fair an entire orange grove blossomed and bore fruit. At

Atlantic City tropical plants indigenous to the Florida coast and seldom seen by northerners make up an unusual garden. They include the cocos australis palm, pineapple guavas, the Japanese plum, now called the MacArthur plum, calemondins, Chinese kumquats, shrimp plants, crepe myrtle, sansevieria, monistera deliciosa, tropical tuberose and heavy flowering tropical plants such as the gardenia and the hibiscus.

Florida's rare birds, such as the roseate spoonbill with its pale pink plumage and spatulate bill, the American egret proudly carrying its snow white plumes and the magnificent great blue heron are introduced to northerners in a natural habitat setting, as are her magnificent sport fish, like the leaping tarpon and the large mouth bass.

Members of the Orange Blossom Quartet, a quartet which has been with the exhibit since its inception, its membership changing from time to time, and has become known on stage and screen, are graduates of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College in Tallahassee.

The character of the crowds passing through the Florida Exhibits is changing. The sprinkling of men in uniform is steadily increasing and more and more inquiries at the information bureaus come from relatives and friends of boys stationed in Florida camps. Florida, "America's Furlough Land" welcomes them.



Gloria Bowman, Miami Beach singer, makes more attractive this bulletin board advertising attractions in Florida Sunshine Theatre at Atlantic City.



FLORIDA FOURTH ESTATE

No Special Session

Governor Holland's refusal to put the State to the expense of a special session of the legislature to enact laws to enforce early closing hours of rural liquor stores, on the grounds that Army and Navy officers can control the situation through regulation of men in the service, appears to have met with the approval of the majority of the press of the State.

"It seems to us that a better and an air-tight solution would be for cantonments and bases to call for a bed check after taps at 10:30 or 11 p. m.," says the *Tallahassee Democrat*, which could have had a selfish reason for wanting a special session, pointing out that the solution is available without State legislation, and that commandants or other posts, outside the Miami area, have made no requests for special laws.

"Such a session would cost the taxpayers of Florida thousands of dollars even if it finished its business and adjourned within a week," says the *St. Petersburg Independent*. "It would also, as will soon appear, do harm to Florida's reputation."

"There is a Federal law which gives the Army and Navy authority to regulate the sale of liquor in territory adjacent to military zones," says the *Bradenton Herald* in an editorial captioned "Army Has The Power," declaring that "dispensers of liquor would do well to consult what the military authorities deem best for the men in their charge, else they may be overtaken by this Federal law."

"A special session would cost nothing less than \$100,000 and perhaps a great deal more," says the *Orlando Sentinel*, declaring that there should be some other way to reach the liquor dealers who are noncooperative on a closing regulation. "With the State's finances in the shape they are because of decreased revenues from gasoline taxes and other revenue-producing agencies, it would be an imposition on Florida taxpayers to saddle this entire expense on them. * * * Do not the people of that section realize this country is at war and 'business as usual' is out in many lines? * * * By all means, force them to obey curfew regulations, but let's do it a cheaper way than by a special session of the legislature."

"The liquor men should handle the situation in their own interest, which would be to comply with these reasonable military regulations," says the *Bradenton Herald* in a later editorial. "Otherwise they are likely to find themselves confronted with wet or dry elections under the local option law, with an angry people voting liquor selling out of existence."

"Give Governor Holland a great big hand," says the *Fort Myers News-Press*, which holds that the liquor interests have "learned the lesson of the noble experiment. * * * They recognize that their fate depends on public opinion which they once ignored," and are

policing their own business by withholding supplies to those retailers who refuse to comply with the request of the military officials.

"Special sessions are expensive and not always desirable," says the *Ocala Star*. "Governor Holland seems to have taken the common-sense view of the question."

Pointing out what happened in World War I, the *Lakeland Ledger* says "Military authorities * * * are much disturbed because alcohol is cutting into military strength when the Nation needs far more strength than has yet been mustered. * * * They will have the support of a large number of civilians who are deeply indebted to the service men for the sacrifice they are making but who are not willing to stand by and see vast numbers of service men knocked out by liquor."

The appeal to the governor "shocks the people of Florida," says the *Miami Herald*. "It will have National repercussions that will reflect no credit upon the State, especially this section, nor upon our residents." While stating that a special session might be necessary to "remove the cloud they have cast over the patriotism of the State," this paper continues to declare that the military authorities still have a "trump card" to play by invoking the Federal May act designed to control just such situations as they are combating here.

The *Fort Lauderdale News* reveals that the move might have been the result of protests of city liquor dealers who felt that they were being unduly restricted while those in rural areas were not. "Some places, both inside and outside of incorporated limits," says this newspaper, "may welcome an 'out of bounds' designation," asserting that some dealers have found that a rush of patronage from the armed forces drives out private patrons.

"To our way of thinking it is shameful that a comparatively few owners and operators of joints outside of corporate limits are so selfish that they will not voluntarily comply with the reasonable and proper regulations," says the *Tampa Tribune*. "They are the ones who are inviting the return of prohibition for civilians as well as men in the service."

"There are sufficient laws and ordinances already on the books which can be enforced by efficient officials, with the proper cooperation of the majority of the citizens, in any community," says the *DeFuniak Springs Breeze*.

"We commend Governor Holland upon his answer to the army officials at Miami," says the *Lake Wales News*. "In the first place it is doubtful if the legislature could legally discriminate against any one section in the control of this business. Secondly, Florida taxpayers are in no mood to stand the expense of an extra session at this time, especially when the army has the power

to declare any liquor joint which fails to cooperate as 'out of bounds.'"

"He (the governor) doubtless could not see the need of expending thousands of dollars of the taxpayers money through an extra session when the problem can be effectively handled by the army if the proper orders are given to the enlisted men and then enforced," say the *Mulberry Press*.

Governor Holland was "neither fooled or perturbed," says Walter Fuller in the *Gulf Beach News*, declaring that it is a poor deputy that can't discover a "nuisance" around a bar.

Good Manager

Press of the State continues to laud efforts of the administration to reduce the costs of government, one newspaper, *The St. Petersburg Times*, being so impressed that it carried an editorial on August 23 urging the people of the State to look about now in an effort to get a man to succeed Governor Holland who will carry on along the same lines. "Under Governor Holland," say the *Times*, "Florida has attained its highest standards of State government. * * * There has been a wholesome and refreshing new emphasis on honest, economical operation of all departments." (The text of this editorial is reproduced on the editorial page in this issue.)

Asserting that the governor "planned it right," the *Tampa Daily Times*, says, "In 18 months of Governor Holland's administration the general revenue fund has been brought from a deficit of \$1,596,299 to a surplus of \$824,352, or an improvement of more than \$2,400,000 which has enabled the State to save large sums by paying cash prices. * * * All of this without adding or shifting any major tax burdens—burdens which would be far more unfair now than they would have been before. * * * Far more serious problems may arise but if the same principles are followed in seeking solutions to them, then Floridians can be doubly thankful that they elected Spessard Holland to lead them in these fateful times."

"This suggestion made by the governor is along the right lines," says the *Southwest Floridian*, pointing to pledges of the various departments to go along with the governor's office in reductions of from 10 to 17 percent in expenses. "If carried out it will reduce State expenses materially."

"It was the course of wisdom for the State, the county, the city to lower their tax demands to correspond with the reduced services being rendered by those units of government," says the *Ocala Star*, continuing to praise the work of the experiment station which was the subject of controversial discussion at a recent cabinet meeting.

"It would seem that at this time," says
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CAPITAL CHATTER . . .

DESPITE the fact that there were many pleasing incidents in the life of the governor during the past month, not excepting the announcement by the Seaboard railway that it will pay some \$800,000 in back taxes without further legal wrangling, the chief executive received his No. 1 thrill of the month from news of the burning of \$15,000,000 worth of Everglades drainage district bonds . . . This was the final act in the reduction of the district's bonded indebtedness to about \$8,600,000, brought about through the governor's intervention.

Another bright news item in the month was the turning on of water in the 167-mile aqueduct across the Florida keys from the mainland to Key West as the result of cooperative action of the U. S. Navy and the State government . . . Revenue collections of the State Beverage Department leaped to \$568,208 during August (\$382,358 for August 1941) swelling receipts for the first two months of the fiscal year to \$1,043,222 . . . Consumption in the State included 12,472,845 pints, and 1,897,723 quarts and 486,192 gallons from kegs of beer . . .

Superintendent English of the State school system has issued a call to students to take up the so-called "hard" subjects this year to better fit them for war conditions . . . Sixty-six high school teachers and principals spent a month at the University of Florida this Summer brushing up on these subjects which include mathematics and physics, theory of flight, weather and air navigation . . . Mrs. Anabel Mathis, Wauchula, has been appointed court reporter of the tenth circuit court . . .

The State Railroad Commission has granted permission to the Bee Line Ferry company, Tampa, to suspend service from Pinellas Point to Piney Point, due to requisitioning of its boats for war use . . . Belcher Oil Company, Miami, is apparent low bidder for a flight strip near Marathon, Monroe County, to cost \$613,501 . . . Contract calls for clearing and surfacing the strip which will be 8,000 by 500 feet, overall . . .

Teacher salary fund for 1942-43 has been set up at \$11,256,782 and \$1,396,720 for transportation of pupils, according to Superintendent English . . . This is a reduction of about \$116,000, due to a decrease in enrollment . . . Fifteen new faculty members were added to the Florida State College for Women staff at the opening of the new term this month . . . Ira C. Bush, Holmes County school superintendent has been suspended from office by Governor Holland . . . Teachers charged him with accepting payments from them when seeking jobs . . . Former County Judge T. L. Belser, Bonifay, has been appointed superintendent . . .

H. J. Malsberger, State Forester, has been conducting schools for training of new men to take the place of foresters and other employees who have joined the armed services . . . Schools were located in Santa Rosa, Bay,

Leon, Columbia, Volusia and Hillsborough Counties and instructors moved from one to the other . . . Millard F. Caldwell, former congressman, was the principal speaker at the recent FSCW Summer School commencement exercises . . . Attorney General Watson has ruled that the law requiring a month's salary to be paid to State employees who enter military service also applies to fee officers . . .

Reference materials will be available to Floridians from a "book pool" which has been organized by the State Library Board and the University of Florida, announced by W. T. Cash, State librarian . . . Miss Charlotte Stevens, FSCW alumnae secretary, has been appointed acting publicity director of the college to succeed Miss Rachel Pitchford, resigned . . . Labor Day was an official holiday in Tallahassee but found many of the executives at their desks . . .

Paul E. Raymond, assistant Florida attorney general, has reported for active duty in the U. S. Navy as a lieutenant . . . He will receive training at Cornell University . . . Florida county judges have authority to hold coroner's inquests only when the justice of the peace of the district has been disqualified or "unable for some legal reason," to perform his duties, says an opinion of the attorney general to the governor . . . The legal reason depends upon the circumstances of the given case, said the opinion . . .

School children will assist in a salvage campaign to be conducted October 5, according to announcement of George L. Burr, Jr., executive director of the State Defense Council . . . State Superintendent Colin English has been named commander in chief of the drive . . . State Treasurer Ed Larson, under his authority as State fire marshal, has made a ruling that Federal regulations regarding explosives will be enforced if they are stricter than State regulations . . . Members of the Florida Department of Public Safety and the Florida Highway Patrol will cooperate with the State fire marshal with a view to protecting all explosive shipments from the hands of saboteurs . . .

Tiffany Turnbull, special assistant attorney general, has entered active Army service as a lieutenant at Fort Sill, Okla. . . The State Board of Examiners of Nurses does not have authority to prohibit a student nurse from completing her training in Florida following her expulsion from a hospital for smoking in her room, according to a ruling of the attorney general . . . Al Green, Daytona Beach, has been named to succeed Francis Whitehair on the State Board of Law Examiners . . . Major Tom Cooley, Mount Dora, has resigned as a member of the Florida senate . . . He is on active duty at Wilmington, N. C., and a special election will be required to name a successor . . .

Assistance payments to more than 65,000 persons is provided for in the new budget of the State Welfare Board just approved by the State Budget Commission . . . It pro-

vides for an expenditure of \$10,251,505, of which \$9,263,355 are for payments, making a reduction of about 13 percent in operation costs . . . Animals burned in the recent Ringling circus fire were fully insured, according to advices of John Ringling North to the State cabinet . . . The State, as principal beneficiary in the will of the late John Ringling, has an interest in the circus . . . The State cabinet has ruled that all escapes from the insane hospital shall be fully publicized in the future and the State Highway Patrol be notified . . .

Florida's Industrial Commission's operating costs are from 18 to 64 percent below the average of 42 reporting States, according to information from the interstate conference to Chairman Boyce A. Williams . . . The Florida commission's unemployment compensation division collected for the year \$8,202,642 in contributions from employers and paid \$5,551,433 in benefits to 62,000 persons and found jobs for 74,015 persons . . . Dr. Edgar L. Morphet of the Florida State Department of Education, executive secretary of the 14-State Southern conference, reports that one-sixth of the South's teachers have been lured away from their posts in defense industries . . .

Efforts are being made by the State cabinet to defer a military call for Dr. W. D. Rogers, chief physician of the State hospital . . . Recent report that the death rate at the hospital had gone up 50 percent was later refuted by Supt. J. H. Therrell, who stated that the rate is likely to increase rapidly if the military forces continue to take away physicians . . . M. H. McNutt, Orlando grower, has been appointed to the State Citrus Commission to succeed C. Walton Rex, Orlando, who resigned to enter military service . . .

Railroad Commissioner Eugene S. Matthews has suggested radio communication systems for bus lines as a greater convenience for travelers . . . P. G. Howe, Florida Motor Lines, responded that his company had considered it for some time but was held up by the war . . . Attorney General Tom Watson in a recent advice for health authorities says that there is plenty of authority in Florida law to compel treatment of persons with venereal diseases . . .

Collections from the sale of 1942 automobile licenses through July 30 topped the corresponding period of 1941 by \$1,361,708.87, according to report of Henry Driggers, motor vehicle commissioner . . . Total revenue this year was \$9,238,197.70 . . . Public employees who enter the merchant marine service are not entitled to leave of absence and one month's pay . . .

W. T. Nettles, chairman of the Agricultural Extension Service defense goals committee, reports that Florida furnished a larger supply of vegetables in the Food for Freedom campaign last Spring than called for by Secretary Wickard . . . Carload shipments totaled 5,800, or 20 percent over last year . . . C. H. Holtslaw, State service officer, has been granted leave of absence to enter active military service . . . Florida is ranked fifth among the States in reduction of traffic deaths for the first six months of the year, according to a report from the National Safety Council . . . J. C. Price, Calhoun County commissioner, has been given leave of absence for Army service . . .

Frey Finds Florida Facts . . .

IF FLORIDA does not get a release from gasoline rationing, it will not be because this State did not put up a good argument, and it may be because the entire country is slated to go under a strict rationing program in order to conserve rubber supplies needed for the military forces.

Dr. John Frey, special representative of Petroleum Coordinator Ickes, left Florida on August 29 after a swing around the State during which hearings were held with a new opinion of our desires. It was his first visit to the Land of Sunshine and he also took with him a hankering to come back when he has more time to get acquainted. The voluminous report which followed him to Washington from the office of Chairman Thomas A. Johnson of the State Road Department contained some startling evidence which clearly indicated that facilities for moving gasoline into Florida are not being used to capacity and that the State could be released from rationing without affecting the gasoline shortage in the eastern industrial area.

Dr. Frey, apparently able and willing, indicated that the decision would have to be made by his superiors, saying that he hopes that Florida will be successful in its efforts, "but I make no promises."

The hearings, begun in Jacksonville, were carried on in important cities of the State, ending at Tallahassee. There Governor Holland and Chairman Johnson really bore down with witnesses who gave damaging testimony to disprove the contention that a free Florida would disrupt the flow of gasoline into the industrial areas where it is needed to carry on defense work.

The most important piece of information to come from the final hearing at Tallahassee was the statement of a pipe-line official that his facilities were operating at a third of their capacity. Hearings also brought out that a new pipe line across the State, capable of delivering 35,000 barrels a day would shortly be completed; that a survey of Florida stocks showed 33,908,112 gallons on hand August 1, nearly 75 percent of it in the rationed part of the State.

One of the chief points brought out by Chairman Johnson is the fact that \$40,000,000 a year is produced from gasoline and automobile taxation for governmental functions in Florida, \$12,000,000 of it going into public schools.

Since the Florida hearings general restriction of gasoline sales throughout the country has been recommended by the president's committee as a means of conserving the supply of rubber.

At the same time logical arguments have been presented to Washington by Harold Cole, executive vice president of the Florida State chamber of commerce, that the some 750,000 Easterners who have been spending their Winters in Florida be provided with gasoline to make the trip or that they be accommodated on the railroads. Joseph M. Bryant, OPA State price and rationing attorney, has ruled that tourists or other persons who drive cars into Florida from unrationed areas are entitled to the "A." or

basic card. This would assist tourists from the mid-West, now unrationed, but would not help those who Summer in the East and Winter in the South.

The American Automobile Association entered the picture early this month by suggesting that fuel oil could be saved in the New England and Eastern areas this Winter by allowing extra gasoline to families who desire to spend the Winter in the South.

"Where families can show that their needs for fuel oil during the Winter would be eliminated or lessened by maintenance of their residence in the South," the AAA said, "this could be considered by rationing boards as a factor in supplying the necessary quantity of gasoline for the trip."

DEADLINE FOR DRIVERS' LICENSES OCTOBER 1

OPERATION of an automobile without a 1943 drivers' licenses will be a violation of the law after October 1, according to J. J. Gilliam, director of the Florida Department of Public Safety and the Florida Highway Patrol. There will be no extension of time, according to the latest presstime report and applicants for permits after that time will have to take a driving examination. Up until October 1 holders of 1942 permits may get new cards without tests.

New licenses went on sale at county judges' offices throughout the State on August 20.

The license division of the Florida Department of Public Safety is under direction of W. B. Lindsey, superintendent, who says that the fact that the highway patrol is 40 men short due to patrolmen leaving for service in the armed forces will mean more trouble and delay for those who fail to get permits under the deadline and have to take tests.

The department issued a report on the first six months of the year showing that Florida had 280 traffic deaths compared with 402 for the same period last year. The report showed that there were 2,379 reported accidents on Florida highways between January 1 and July 31 and that 1,476 persons were injured. Twenty-two percent of the accidents were caused by cars leaving the highway while 59 percent were the result of collisions. Twenty percent of crashes came on Sundays and accounted for 53 percent of the fatalities. The greatest cause of deaths was excessive speed, with 69 percent of the deaths coming from that cause, while driving on the wrong side of the road accounted for 32 deaths. Disregard of stop signals caused 17 to meet their final reward while 10 were killed through failure to observe the right-of-way. The first half of the year accounted for 73 pedestrians killed, bringing a warning from the department to persons walking along highways.

You give the Axis powers the cramps when buying war bonds and stamps.—Milton Gazette.

One of the best ways to lose time is to watch the clock all day.—Sarasota Herald-Tribune.

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Health on the Highway . . .

Mag. Charles Solomon

New York City, as told to Robert James in the Journal of Living

JOHN DOE is a respectable law-abiding citizen. One afternoon he decided to visit friends who lived in a nearby town. His wife and children did not want to go along, so he climbed into his car and drove off alone.

Several hours later, a traffic officer, driving along in his car, noticed an automobile weaving strangely across the road. As he moved forward to investigate, the car collided with his, once and then again, before it came to a stop.

Running to the car, the officer found the driver, fortunately unhurt, draped unconscious over the wheel. "Drunken driving," he murmured to himself as he pulled the man out of the automobile. Someone in the crowd which gathered around the accident shouted, "They ought to revoke his license for good. Drunken drivers don't deserve a second chance."

The man—John Doe—was brought to jail but could not be aroused. An ambulance was summoned. The doctor recognized the case immediately. Doe was given an orange drink and came to his senses at once. He was completely astonished at finding himself in jail. He had no recollection of what had happened.

The case came before me in court. There was no charge on which Doe could be held. He was not drunk when he missed by a hair's breadth killing himself and the officer with whose car he had collided. He was a diabetic, suffering from insulin shock.

Suppose John Doe had taken his family with him? Suppose he had been unlucky enough to crash into another car on the road ahead of him? Yet Doe was not to blame. He was a licensed driver, and he was perfectly within the law in driving an automobile. Of course, he was acquitted.

More than 30,000 people die every year in preventable automobile accidents. In New York State alone there are seven deaths a day caused by automobile accidents; last year a total of 74,433 accidents was reported, with 2,542 persons killed and 94,829 injured.

Barring storms, high winds, etc., there are two outstanding causes for motor accidents—defective cars and defective drivers. Many States are beginning to take action to check on automobiles. They are attempting to wipe off the roads the "jalopies," the cars with parts which almost fall to pieces when any kind of strain is put on them. But legislative action concerning the physical and emotional fitness of the drivers is still only in the minds of students of the traffic problem.

There are defective human mechanisms, just as there are defective mechanical mechanisms. The former no more belong in the driver's seat of an automobile than the latter belong on the road. Why are defective physical emotional or psychological brakes in a driver less important than bad brakes in a

car? We have trained inspectors to detect mechanical flaws; none to detect the human ones. If such defective mechanisms get by because existing examinations, and accidents result, with injury, death and property destruction, the State cannot escape responsibility.

There are many kinds of defective human mechanisms. There are drivers who suffer from heart trouble, epilepsy, alcohol and drug addiction, certain types of insanity, certain forms of paralysis affecting muscular control, night blindness and other physical ailments—to say nothing of emotional instability—which make them unfit to sit behind the wheel.

Although it may seem unbelievable, not all the States require licenses for drivers. The ones which do require them either take no precautions to see that permits are given only to fit persons, or leave it to the applicant to determine the condition of his health.

For example, license applications in New York State have questions like the following: Do you use drugs or narcotics in any form or manner? If so, to what extent?

On the face of it such a question is ridiculous. Many drug addicts are notorious liars. An experienced user of drugs who desires to obtain a driver's license probably will deny his addiction, knowing that such an admission would be used against him. On the other hand, many people are not aware of what a drug really is. To them it means opium, heroin or morphine. Yet doctors know that a great many patients must use medicines to keep them in condition.

Are you crippled in any manner? To the layman, that means only whether or not he has full use of his arms and legs. Yet a serious disease should be considered crippling.

Is your hearing impaired? Is the applicant a judge of that? Of course not! Frequently the only one who can decide whether or not a man's hearing is not perfect is a physician who is making a definite test for such impairment.

Have you any organic affliction of the heart, suffered an attack of epilepsy, stroke of paralysis, vertigo, or have you suffered any mental or physical disability, or are you subject to fainting spells? Unless a man has been examined by his doctor and told exactly what his physical condition is he may not know if he has a mental or physical disability.

How many people applying for licenses ever heard of "vertigo?" How many people are walking around with heart afflictions of which they are completely unaware until an attack warns them? And that attack may come when they are at the wheel of an automobile driving down a street which your child is crossing.

Inadequate eyesight is the cause of many serious automobile accidents. Yet even eye tests are carried on in a slipshod manner. The ability to read letters on a chart is only a small part of a man's visual acuity. Many people may suffer from night blindness and be unaware of it. They accept minor dis-

abilities associated with night driving as the usual experience of all drivers, and would probably never in their wildest imaginations think of attributing an accident to such a cause.

Eye tests are given during the day under normal daylight conditions. It is perfectly possible for an individual to have excellent vision in a well-illuminated environment and be partially blind in a dim light.

Five percent of automobile accidents have been directly traced to bad eyes; a considerably larger percentage of fatalities may be attributed to the inability of eyes, normal for ordinary purposes to adjust themselves to emergency situations. A California study of eyesight as related to motor accidents has shown that 20 percent of motorists involved in fatal accidents had bad sight in at least one eye—and none of them knew it. It is downright criminal to wait until after an accident to find out that a driver killed a man because he couldn't see him!

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Military Can Handle It . . .

NO SPECIAL session of the State legislature is necessary to deal with night liquor sales restrictions for service men in the Miami area, according to a decision of Governor Spessard L. Holland acting on a request from ranking Army and Navy authorities there. The situation can be handled by military police action, he declared.

No sooner had this decision been made when it was announced by the Dade County liquor dealers that they would voluntarily comply with a request that bars close at midnight and package stores at 8 p. m. These regulations, or rules similar, have already been enforced in other military areas.

"It is questionable whether a special session would be able to solve your problem, on any legal basis," Holland told the officers.

"I doubt whether any valid legislation can be passed which deals with the situation in your region alone, setting up different closing requirements for liquor establishments and different classifications than those prevailing under the general law in the rest of the State.

"There has been, up to this time, no request for such change elsewhere and, to the contrary, the military commanders in other areas have not hesitated to deal effectively with the problem through disciplinary regulations under military law controlling the military personnel, and through strict enforcement of such regulations by adequate forces of military police and shore patrol, with State and local agencies cooperating.

"For instance, recent strong handling in the Tampa and Pensacola areas by the military authorities there has been worthy of note.

"If it is thought desirable by the military authorities in general throughout the State that uniform changes in the State law governing liquor establishments be effected, that would bring about quite a different question.

"It is my belief that your problem will be satisfactorily solved by following through your present plans (of declaring noncomplying places out of bounds), assuming a willingness on your part to strictly enforce your regulations against military personnel, and assuring you of the willingness of the State to cooperate actively.

"The expense of a special session is not consistent with the financial condition of the State and is greater, in my judgment, than the expense of enforcing your regulations against military personnel by military police."

mechanics involved in getting a car to move. What he cannot be taught, except by long training, are cool, quick reactions, and the ability to get himself out of difficult situations.

Last year at the meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, Dr. Lowell S. Selling, psychiatrist of the Recorder's Court, Detroit, Michigan, reported on a study of some fifty hit-and-run drivers brought to the court. Dr. Selling stated that almost half of the hit-and-run drivers—20 out of the 50—had unstable psychopathic personalities.

A second group was definitely feeble-minded and another group consisted of neurotic individuals who had infantile reactions and feelings of inferiority. Yet all of these people obtained, without any difficulty, licenses to drive cars. The trouble came after they had struck some innocent pedestrian and perhaps killed him.

Among Dr. Selling's recommendations was a vitally important one: That potential traffic offenders—this includes children as well as adults—should be diagnosed and treated before they have the opportunity to commit a hit-and-run offense. Our existing laws take no cognizance of that need.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent every year perfecting roadways, lighting systems and other vital adjuncts to good motoring. But the benefits of these improvements, it seems to me, are nullified by the indiscriminate licensing of incompetent drivers.

The question may be raised that if such strict licensing were put into practice the State would be depriving many people of their means of livelihood. The answer is that a live man can find another job, but a dead one cannot find another life. The social interest is paramount.

What is more important, medical examinations would bring to light health defects which could be corrected before licenses are granted. This would also act as a means of raising the general health level of the 45,000,000 drivers in America.

So far our laws have failed to reach the human factor, which is ultimately responsible for the mounting number of avoidable automobile accidents. It is not enough that the drivers should be able to master his car. We are more concerned with the question of the degree of mastery he has over himself.

RAIL VALUATIONS IN STATE UP 22 PERCENT

Total assessed valuation of Florida railroads increased 22 percent over last year, according to announcement of the State rail assessment board. Total valuation for 1942 taxes on 25 companies was placed at \$106,770,421 against \$87,541,500 last year.

Taxes against railroads are collected by the counties based on the amount of mileage of each line within the counties.

Make the most of what you have, and your worries will disappear.—*Plant City Enterprise.*

A man frequently gets ahead by looking backward at his mistakes.—*Lakeland Ledger.*

BUILDING OF PIPE LINE SLATED TO START OCT. 1, OPEN BEFORE '43

The Carrabelle to Jacksonville oil pipe-line will be started October 1 and completed by December 15, according to announcement from Washington by Petroleum Coordinator Harold I. Ickes.

With its completion the pipe line will furnish daily 35,000 barrels of oil to the eastern terminus from where it will be distributed by barge to consuming centers in the Atlantic inland waterways. Material is being dug up and dismantled in Texas and shipped here.

The line will be 185 miles long and will use storage tanks totaling 172,500 barrels.

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the *Star*, "when the field of research offers new possibilities for the expansion of Florida agriculture, through the development of new products to take the place of those shut off by the war, the experiment station can and will render its best service to not only the State but the Nation."

The governor "set a full measure example by cutting his own expenses 17 percent," says the *Orange County Chief*."

"He (the governor) led the way by making a considerable cut in the executive offices," says the *Bradenton Herald*, adding that "this is the way to cut the cloth to fit the financial pattern."

After a lengthy exposition of the State's finances and improvements of various services, including larger old-age pensions and the balancing of the teachers' fund, the *Florida Times-Union* says: "Space does not permit a review of the various tax measures recommended by Governor Holland and enacted into law by the legislature, making this excellent showing possible. The record emphasizes their soundness and the soundness of the administration of the State's business. It is a record in which every State official and employe may take justifiable pride. Certainly it is one the people appreciate more than they can express in a few words."

Condensing the report of State Auditor Bryan Willis for the first fiscal year of the Holland administration, the *Tampa Tribune's* editorial says:

"When Holland took office, the general revenue fund had a cash balance of \$424.96. That balance June 30, 1942 was \$824,352.33.

"The fund was unable to pay outstanding obligations amounting to \$1,596,724.40. The end of the first Holland year found no unpaid obligations outstanding."

The *Tribune* pointed to the repeal of the gross receipts tax, repeal of the State ad valorem tax, increase in aid to the aged and to dependent children, all fulfilled pledges of Holland's campaign for office, continuing to say:

"Figures usually are dull, but these tell a story of intelligent, economical and businesslike State administration which should be cheering to the people of Florida. While greatly improving the State's general financial condition, the Holland administration has effected savings in government operation and has taken care of all necessary obligations and improvements demanded by unusual war-time conditions."

Real Opportunity

(Orlando Times)

Grady Burton, State attorney of the 27th judicial district, has a real opportunity to delve into conditions existing in road camps. Having been named by Governor Holland to conduct the investigation, it is hoped that this popular and fearless prosecutor will leave no stone upturned to ascertain exactly how State convicts fare at some of the camps.

How can you call 'em "filling" stations when three gallons won't fill anybody's auto tank?—*Milton Gazette*.

Crookedness Not Healthy

(Lake County Citizen)

Scandal in the tax collector's office at Tampa begins to blacken. And Governor Holland is looking into that obviously raw deal of letting one newspaper in Hillsborough County print the delinquent tax list three times in succession. Really, it's not healthy to attempt anything crooked during the Holland administration.

What everyone wants, apparently, is more gasoline to run cars, which can't be run because there aren't any tires.—*Sanford Herald*.

Fortune laughs at people who sit back and wait for it to smile.—*Tallahassee Democrat*.

The German people are discovering that bombing can work both ways. — *Tampa Tribune*.

It does seem nice to know that these planes overhead are friendly ones.—*Jasper News*.

In a world at war, our churches offer the true haven of rest.—*Lake City Reporter*.

There are often fellows who have to keep their word, because no one else will accept it.—*Cocoa Tribune*.

One worry we escape this year is how to finance a vacation trip.—*Titusville Star-Advocate*.

Some people work eight hours and sleep eight hours—the same eight hours.—*St. Augustine Record*.

Some people feel at home everywhere except when they are at home.—*Tallahassee Democrat*.

ROAD DEPARTMENT MINUTES

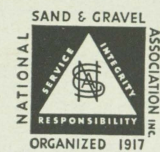
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that Road 22 be located and constructed from the northeast city limits of Section 16, straight east long what is known as Belt Avenue and across the SAL Railway at the moss gin and continue east to intersect with an extension of Florida Avenue, thence south, and pledging cooperation of the city in acquiring the necessary right of way. This request was referred to Mr. Ward.

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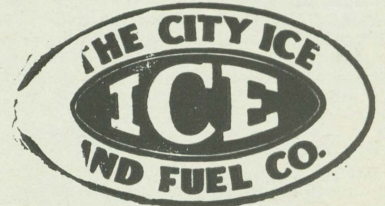
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REQUEST FROM JACKSONVILLE BEACH

The Secretary presented a resolution adopted by the Beaches Chambers of Commerce under date of August 13, requesting the grading of Hogan Road from the east side of the Inland Waterway (Pablo Creek) to the beach end of the highway at intersection with Road 140. By common consent of the Members this request was referred to Mr. Stockton.

ORANGE COUNTY—ROAD 2— CANCELLATION OF R/W CONTRACT BOND

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that New York Casualty Company is hereby released and discharged from each and every of its obligations to the State Road Department under that certain surety bond executed by Orange County, as principal, and said corporation, as surety, to this Department, as obligee, dated the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1940, in the penal sum of \$5,000.00, conditioned to secure the performance of a certain Right of Way Contract dated the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1940, between the said County and this Department, concerning the acquisition by said County of rights of way to this Department for Project No. 242-C, of State Road No. 2, and said surety bond is hereby terminated and canceled; Provided that nothing herein shall be taken or construed to mean that said right of way contract between said County and this Department is in any wise impaired, modified or affected.

PRIVATE FENCE PERMITTED ON ROAD 4 IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that permit be granted to Willie Mickler to construct a fence along the right of way of State Road No. 4 in St. Johns County, at his own expense and providing that he is responsible to all property owners in case of any claim made against the erection of such fence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney for this Department be and he is authorized and instructed to prepare the form of agreement to be entered into by and between this Department and the said Willie Mickler.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES

Representatives from several Insurance Company asked permission to present propositions for employees' insurance and were heard as follows:

Mr. Rogers, representing Prudential Life Insurance Company in behalf of group insurance, stated that his Company was not permitted to interfere with any present plans of insurance the Department may have. He stated further that his company did not write insurance where the employee paid the whole premium; that in the majority of group policies the employer paid a percentage of the premium and the dividends to the employer would nearly take care of this cost, and that over a period of years the dividend would entirely offset this cost. He offered to furnish hospitalization insurance, at a rate of approximately 14 cents per \$1.00 of insurance, but this rate would be subject to change.

Mr. R. H. Rossell, representing the Union Association, Tallahassee, presented his proposal for Hospitalization, Surgery and Disability insurance and divided it into three classes: Those making \$80.00 per month the hospital insurance would cost \$1.05 per month and provide \$3.00 per day at hospital and \$250.00 death benefit. Those making over \$80.00 per month the cost would be \$2.15 per month and provide for \$5.00 per day for hospital, with \$1,000.00 death benefit. A rate of \$3.65 per month would pay \$5.00 per day for hospital and \$2,500 death benefit. All of these

policies include surgical expense, are good value to the Department. He reported from 18 hours after entering hospital and would remain in force should an employee leave the Department.

Messrs. Robert Hughes and G. B. Hopkins, representing Professional Life Insurance Company, presented their proposal as follows: Their policy would cost \$1.00 per month and would provide \$5.00 per day for hospital room expense for 40 days in any one year; also extra charges for operating room, anesthesia, laboratory, first aid, etc. For a monthly premium of \$1.40 surgical expense would be included according to the schedule set up in proposal. At a rate of 65 cents per month premium they offered hospitalization for \$3.00 per day for 21 days, including the extras. A death benefit of \$250.00 was offered for 40 cents additional premium.

Mr. John Hammer, representing the Providence Life Insurance Company, requested continuation of their present contract with the Department. He cited the experience his company had had during the past year, which he claimed to be of

value to the Department. He reported \$2,000.00 for sick benefits, \$200.00 for accident benefits, and \$10,000.00 for life insurance, paid by his company to Department employees during the past year.

RADIOS FOR CONVICT CAMPS

The State Highway Engineer presented a letter from the Chairman of the State Parole Commission, giving endorsement of the said Commission to the proposed plan for installation of radios in the convict camps operated by the Road Department.

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary and the State Highway Engineer be and they are hereby authorized to purchase and install a radio in each convict camp operated by this Department, and to set up the necessary rules and regulations for the operation of the said radios, upon approval of the Prison Department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned.

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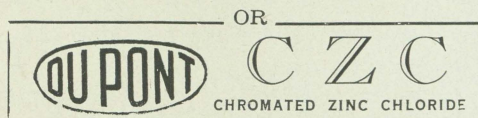
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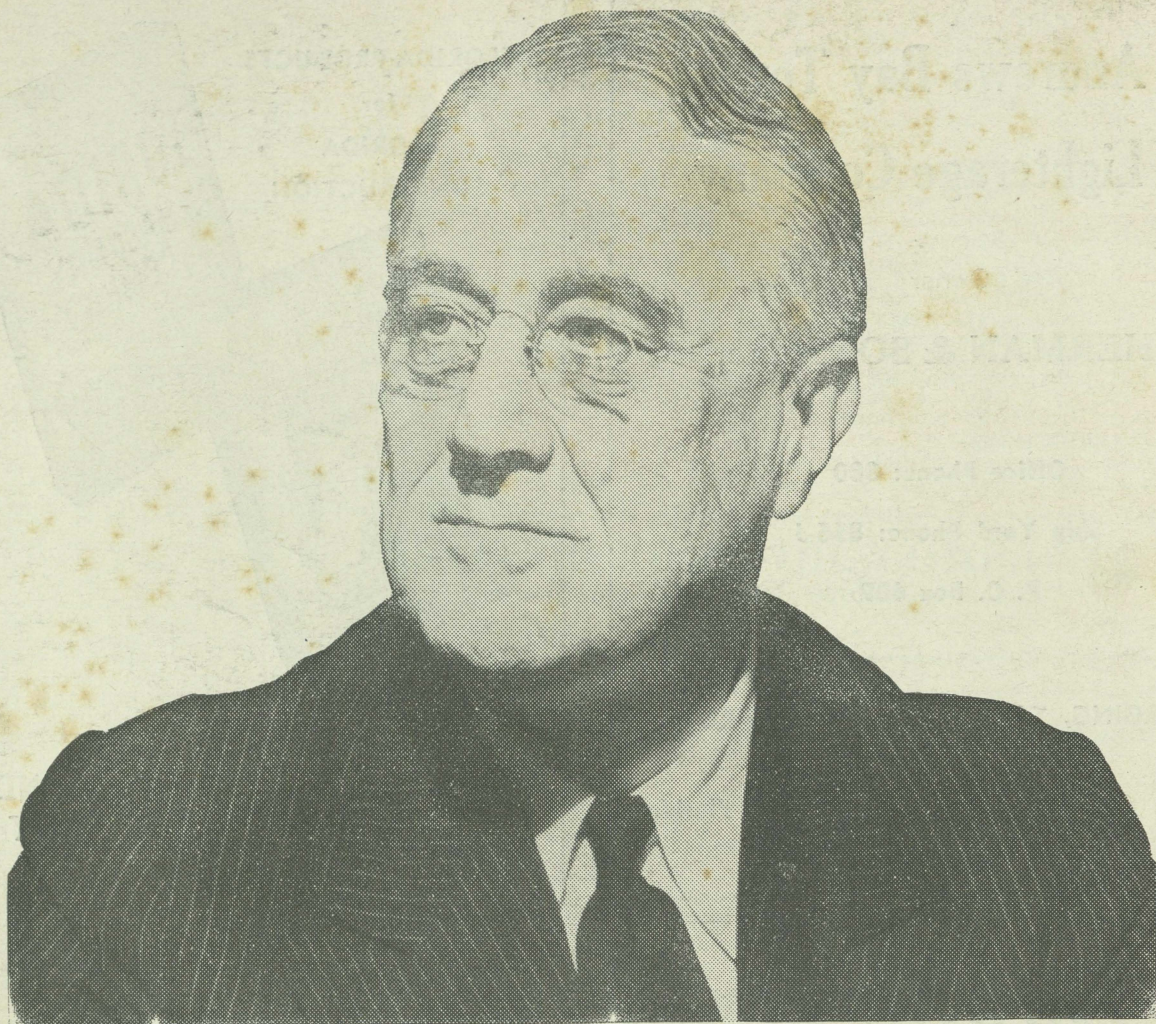
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